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QUOTE: C O N F I D E N T I A L TEL AVIV 12041

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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PEPR, IS, LE, SY, UN
SUBJECT: UNIFIL FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT AND DEPLOYMENT IN THE
CHRISTIAN ENCLAVES

REFS: A) TEL AVIV 11950, (B) JERUSALEM 2466

1. THE FOLLOWING REPLY TO EMBASSY INQUIRY CONCERNING
UNIFIL (REF A) WAS GIVEN TO DAO AFTERNOON SEPTEMBER 8
BY COL MEIR MEIR, DIRECTOR OF FOREIGN LIAISON IN THE
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MOD. THE REPLY IS FROM MAJOR GENERAL GAZIT, DIRECTOR OF
NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE. BEGIN QUOTE:

AFTER INVESTIGATION IN THE AREA, WE DO NOT UNDERSTAND THE
REASON FOR THE QUESTION. TO THE BEST OF OUR KNOWLEDGE,
THERE IS NOTHING TO PREVENT UNIFIL FROM IMPLEMENTING THE
VARIOUS PARAGRAPHS AGREED UPON BETWEEN GEN. SIILASVUO

AND OUR DEFENSE MINISTER. WE HAVE CHECKED WITH THE COMMANDERS OF THE LEBANESE FORCES IN THE SOUTH AND RECEIVED THEIR AGREEMENT. IF THERE ARE ANY DELAYS IN IMPLEMENTING THE AGREEMENT, THEY ARE DUE ONLY TO CONSIDERATIONS OF UNIFIL FORCES. END QUOTE.

2. THE LAST SENTENCE CAN BE INTERPRETED TO MEAN THAT THE GOI DOES NOT CONSIDER ITSELF TO BE AT FAULT IF UNIFIL REFUSES TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT WITH HADDAD AND SHIDIAC TO IMPLEMENT WEIZMAN'S PLEDGE OF AUGUST 30.

3. WE UNDERSTAND THAT WEIZMAN HAS CONFIRMED TO AMB. LEWIS AT CAMP DAVID THAT INDEED THERE ARE PROBLEMS IN IMPLEMENTING THE AGREEMENT AND THAT HADDAD AND SHIDIAC ARE GIVING THE ISRAELIS TROUBLE. IN LIGHT THIS DISCREPANCY BETWEEN WEIZMAN AND HIS MINISTRY, CHARGE HAS ARRANGED TO MEET WITH IDF INTELLIGENCE CHIEF GAZIT ON SUNDAY (SEPT 10) TO ATTEMPT SORT OUT FACTS. DURING BRIEF PHONE CONVERSATION THIS AFTERNOON WITH GAZIT, HE SUGGESTED WEIZMAN DID NOT KNOW WHAT HE WAS TALKING ABOUT. GAZIT ALSO SAID HE WOULD WISH DISCUSS SITUATION IN NORTHERN LEBANON. IF THERE IS ANY GUIDANCE ON SITUATION WHICH WOULD MAKE CONVERSATION MORE PRODUCTIVE, WOULD APPRECIATE HAVING IT BY 0900 LOCAL SUNDAY MORNING.
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